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"Express Mail" mailing label No. EL 863876303 IIS
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Patent
Attorney's Docket No. 032590-063

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of) **BOX RCE**
Mamoru Hirayama et al.) Group Art Unit: 2874
Application No.: 09/593,803) Examiner: Juliana K. Kang
Filed: June 15, 2000) Confirmation No.: 9412
For: OPTICAL FIBER WIRING APPRATUS)
AND OPTICAL FIBER WIRING)
METHOD)

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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a response for the above-identified patent application which constitutes a **REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (248) ☐ \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☒ Also enclosed is return postcard.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☒ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$370.00 (279) ☒ \$740.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted __, on __, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least __, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- ☐ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☒ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

A M E N D E D C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	26	MINUS 25 =	1	× \$18.00 (103) =	18.00
Independent Claims	6	MINUS 6 =	0	× \$84.00 (102) =	0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (104)					0.00
Total Amendment Fee					18.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$18.00

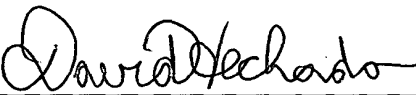
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 758.00 is enclosed (\$740.00 fee for RCE and \$18.00 for claim fee).

- ☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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RESPONSE AND SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (RCE)

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 13, 2002, in the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 4.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 3, 19, and 21 to 24 and add new claims 26 and 27 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An optical fiber wiring apparatus for wiring a wiring substrate, comprising:

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